

Private Security Services Advisory Board
Training Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2005 - 10:00 a.m.
Held at U.S. Training & Development Center
Harrisonburg, Virginia

At approximately 10:10 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Martin. Those present at the meeting:

Guests

Martha Clancy
Lynn Herring
Chris Moore
James Rowe
David Wardell
Landon White

DCJS Representation

Kim Buckner

PSSAB Members

Kevin Hodges
Steve Martin

Minutes from the March 9, 2005 meeting was read. Motion to accept minutes made by Kevin Hodges; seconded by Jim Rowe. Motion was approved.

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

In new business, the issue of changing Low-light familiarization to Qualification was discussed in detail. Some of the issues brought forward was "Shoot, not shoot"; day versus night firing; and qualification at night versus qualification during day. It was decided to postpone this for review until the next training meeting tentatively scheduled for March 2006. At that time a review of the goggles required would also be discussed.

Another issue brought forward and discussed was that of the use of the AR-15 rifle. David Wardell questioned limiting the caliber of rifle to be used. Martha Clancy discussed the NRA Rifle Instructor course and how it meets national standards. Another issue discussed was requiring security companies to give written permission for an officer to carry this type of firearm and owners or compliance agents issuing letters to approve the carrying of a rifle while on duty. A motion was made by David Wardell to adopt the NRA Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle Instructor Certification Course and Standards for use as DCJS Private Security Instructor Certification and Firearms Endorsement Standard. Motion was seconded by Martha Clancy. Motion was approved.

Martha Clancy made a motion for the following resolution be adopted for the carrying of a rifle by a security officer, so stated: "Each officer to carry a security patrol rifle while on duty with the expressed written authorization of the licensed private security services business employing the registrant. Motion seconded by David Wardell. Motion was approved.

Another issue briefly reviewed in new business was that of the private investigator in-service training hours. After short discussion it was decided that this would stay as is due to the length of entry-level training that private investigation requires.

In future issues under new business, several items were discussed. Martha Clancy brought forth the issue of specialized training for security officers. This brought forth the item that this would be different requirements for different individuals depending upon what type of training would be required.

Other types of training discussed was Baton and OC spray certification and training, also look at requirements to carry less lethal weapon training. Another issue discussed was state wide standardized testing for private security personnel. Several individuals did not feel this would be appropriate for private security.

In public comments, Kevin Hodges advised the Private Security Services Advisory Board meeting would be held at the Department of Health Professions in Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, December 1, 2005 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the conclusion.

Kim Buckner advised that Jennifer McLamb had accepted employment elsewhere and would be leaving her position at the Private Security Services Section. Ms. Buckner also advised that Governor Warner had put a statewide freeze on everything until the new administration took office and the Private Security Services Section was looking at a possible February 2006 release date for reviewing of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the private security industry.

Steve Martin advised the next training committee meeting would tentatively be scheduled for March 2006 with the day being set at a later date.

There being no further business, motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Lynn Herring for adjournment. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.